

**TOWN OF TREMONT
HARBOR COMMITTEE MEETING
TREMONT COMMUNITY BUILDING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2004
6:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Stewart Murphy called harbor Committee Meeting of Wednesday, January 28, 2004 to order at 6:05 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Haywood May, Stanley Black, Northwood Kenway, Mel Atherton, Scott Harper, Diane Miller, Everett Beers, Charlie Dillon, Stewart Murphy, Al Price, and recording secretary Heidi Farley.

3. ACCEPT MINUTES

Mel motioned to accept minutes of December 3, 2003, Charlie seconded, all in favor, Diane, and Haywood abstained.

4. HARBORMASTER'S REPORT

Harbormaster reported that the salmon farmers are still working. There has been a lot of ice in the harbor and many local fishermen and the salmon farmers have been helping to break it up. Al would like to take a 100-hour Harbormaster law enforcement class. The motor for the heist is coming, he got the seals for the boat, but he hasn't got the bills done yet due to family problems. Al reported that the new \$100.00 spending limit at the wharf is too small and it puts a stop on everything. Haywood commented that the Selectmen shouldn't micromanage because that is what we have a Town Manager and Harbormaster for. *Haywood made a motion to recommend that the Harbormaster be given a \$1000.00 limit on spending, Stanley seconded, unanimous, Scott Harper abstained.* Diane asked if we were all right with finances. Scott Harper said yes but we need to look ahead. Al believes that some tax money should be used for Harbor Management but not the wharf. Charlie disagrees and will not vote to raise taxes. Mel would like to see a \$1.00 per crate charge for every crate that goes over the wharf. Al said that this would penalize the best fishermen and the Town should never skim off the top. Scott

Harper agrees. Al also said that it would be a nightmare to enforce and he will fight it tooth and nail.

A motion was made by Charlie Dillon to recommend raising mooring fees for residents from \$20.00 to \$40.00, non residents from \$20.00 to \$80.00 and to have a fifty percent increase in user fees not to include Selectmen's contracts, Mel seconded, Diane, Charlie, Mel, Scott, Everett agree Stewart and Haywood opposed, Stanley didn't vote. After much discussion, Scott Harper made a motion to reconsider Charlie's motion, Mel seconded, Scott, Mel, Everett, Stewart, Haywood and Stanley agree, Northwood Charlie and Diane oppose. Scott made a motion to table the motion on the floor, Haywood seconded, Stewart, Everett, Stanley, Haywood, Scott, and Mel agree, Northwood, Charlie and Diane oppose.

5. WHARF HOUSE

Stewart would like to see the Town have a couple of contractors look at the house and give an estimate on what it needs. Mel said he would look at it and Al said that he would ask Vic Mercer to look at it. Diane offered to contact some rental agencies for advice on how best to proceed with renting the house.

6. OTHER

The salmon farms wanted Al to ask and make sure that they could still smoke in their building that they lease from the Town. Al and Stewart did not mean to cut the Harbor Committee out of the budget request and want to know if anyone has a problem with the budget that they submitted. Nobody had a problem at all. Diane is going to plant three trees at the Seal Cove facility to replace those that were destroyed this winter.

7. ADJOURN

Stanley made a motion to adjourn at 7:50, Charlie seconded, unanimous.